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GRAND JURY IN SHERMAN RETURNS FEDERAL INDICTMENTS

(Sherman, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a federal grand jury returned numerous indictments late Wednesday charging 6 defendants in separate cases of federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

KENNETH DEAN MAYES, 36, **JAMES THEODORE WATSON**, 31, both of Pottsboro, Texas, and **AMY JOY BARNETT**, 23, of Colbert, Oklahoma, were indicted for firearms charges.

If convicted, Mayes, Watson and Barnett face up to 10 years in prison and fines up to \$250,000 each. The penalties can potentially be increased to life in prison depending on each defendant's past criminal record.

This case is being investigated by the Grayson County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Stevan Buys.

RICHARD GIOVANNI SESMA, 44, of Josephine, Texas, was indicted for receipt of child pornography.

According to court documents, Sesma received and had in his possession one or more visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually

explicit conduct. If convicted, Sesma faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

This case is being investigated by the Josephine Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Randall Blake is prosecuting the case.

JOSHUA LEE BRADFORD, 30, of Grayson County, Texas was indicted for Possession with the intent to distribute or dispense methamphetamine.

If convicted, Bradford faces up to 40 years imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000,000.00.

The case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Van Alstyne Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Maureen Smith is prosecuting the case.

ROBERTO RIVERA-PENA, 32, a Mexican native, was indicted for being an illegal alien who unlawfully reentered the United States.

If convicted, **Rivera-Pena** faces up to 20 years in federal prison, (if he is found to be an aggravated felon); 10 years (if he is found to be a felon); or 2 years and deportation, as well as a fine of up to \$250,000.

This case is being investigated by the Department of Homeland

Security and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
Assistant United States Attorney Michele A. Ratcliffe is prosecuting the case.

It is important to note that an indictment should not be considered as evidence of guilt and that all persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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